Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1.   (Currently amended) A storage container for preset unalterable ~~rigid~~ control of access by users comprising:

a housing;

a cover hingedly attached to the housing;

a lock incorporated into the cover for locking the cover to the housing;

the lock being programmed to automatically reset to the locked mode ~~when~~ if the cover is even partially opened and to immediately lock the cover to the housing upon closure;

programming means for controlling the lock for defining spaced intervals ~~periods~~ of accessability to the container and denying access therein without exception at all other times ~~inaccessability~~ and;

a power supply for providing electric power to the programming means.

2.   (Original) A container according to claim 1 wherein the lock comprises an electro-mechanical mechanism.

3.   (Original) A container according to claim 2 wherein the mechanism comprises one or more retractable bolts.

4.   (Original) A container according to claim 3 wherein the lock comprises two reciprocating bolts which move in opposite directions to lock the cover to the housing.

5.   (Original) A container according to claim 1 wherein the cover is detachable from the housing.

6.   (Original) A container according to claim 5 wherein the cover includes shaped protrusions extending from one side of the cover.

7.   (Original)   A container according to claim 6 wherein the housing includes detents for receiving and gripping the protrusions on the cover.

8.   (Original)   A container according to claim 2 wherein the engagement of the protrusions and detents is by means of a snap fit.

9.   (Original)   A container according to claim 4 wherein the rim of the housing includes receptacles adapted to receive the reciprocating bolts.

10.   (Currently amended)   A container <u>according</u> ~~accounting~~ to claim 1 wherein the programming means is a programmable microprocessor operatively connected to the cover.

11.   (Original) A container according to claim 10 wherein the programming means includes a processor assembly incorporating the microprocessor, an electronic memory, control keys, and a display for receiving and displaying the parameters incorporated into the container.

12.   (Original)   A container according to claim 8 wherein the housing and cover include mutually engaging stops to prevent travel of the cover more than 70° from the closed position.

13.   (Currently amended) A container according to claim 8 wherein the hinged connection is configured to limit travel of the cover and to ~~return~~ <u>allow the force of gravity to consistently return the cover</u> to the closed position[[.]] ~~under the force of gravity.~~

14.   (Original) A container according to claim 4 wherein the bolts are spring-loaded.

15.   (Currently amended) A container according to claim 14 wherein the bolts retract ~~at the predetermined programmed intervals~~ <u>one time during each of the intervals of accessibility</u> ~~under the control of the user.~~ <u>previously defined by the user, and only in response to some physical input by the user</u>[[.]]

16.   (Currently amended) A container according to claim 15 wherein the bolts extend <u>into the locked position when the door is even partially opened</u> and engage the housing upon closure of the cover onto the housing.

17.   (Original) A container according to claim 1 wherein the power supply is incorporated into the programmable processor assembly.

18.   (Original) A container according to claim 17 wherein the power supply is only accessible when the cover is in the open position.

19.   (Currently amended) A programmable, automatically closing, and automatically locking storage container for <u>preset unalterable</u> ~~rigid~~ control of access to its contents by users, comprising:

     a housing;

     a cover, said cover being attached to said housing by hinged moldings;

     a computer controlled lock incorporated into the cover for locking the cover to the housing to prevent unauthorized <u>or unscheduled</u> access to the contents of the container;

     the lock being configured to automatically reset to the locked mode when the cover is opened and to immediately lock the cover to the housing upon the closure of the cover;

     a programmable computer incorporated into the container for controlling the lock, said programmable computer being programmed to accept and store multiple variables and parameters for defining <u>spaced intervals</u> ~~periods~~ of accessibility [[,]] <u>denying access without exception at all other times</u> ~~and inaccessability of variable duration~~; and

     a power supply <u>incorporated into the cover</u> that can be accessed only when the cover is in the open position.

20.   (New) A method for disciplining behavior comprising the steps of:

     programming a lockable enclosure to permit the user to unlock it only during specific spaced time intervals in a 24-hour period as defined by the user during programming; and

denying access to the enclosure without exception at all other times other than during one of the specific spaced time intervals to produce acceptance of the disciplined behavior without the need of the programmed enclosure.

21.   (New) The method according to claim 20 wherein the spaced time intervals occur in repeating 24-hour period cycles.

22.   (New) The method according to claim 21 including the step of providing an opportunity for the enclosure to be re-programmed during a specific multi-day time interval following the last programming.

23.   (New) The method according to claim 21 wherein the device includes unalterable system programming defining a repeating cyclical number of days, following the initial programming period, that culminates with a period of time during which the programmed schedule may be re-defined.

24.   (New) The method according to claim 22 wherein the enclosure is a food container.

25.   (New) The method according to claim 22 wherein the enclosure is a container for medicines.